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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, lines 20-21, after "states" insert --via-- and after "transmitted" cancel "by way of".

Page 8, end of line 32, change "equalize" to --synchronize--.

Page 10, line 22, after "nomenclature" insert --in routers-- and after "table", cancel "in routers".

Page 10, line 36, after "decides" insert --via--.

Page 11, line 2, cancel "by way of".

Page 11, line 19, change "omitted" to --discarded--.

Page 13, line 33, change "cross-connectors" to --cross-connects--

Page 14, lines 33-34, change "cross-connectors" to --cross-connects--.

Page 15, line 28, change "equalizing" to --synchronizing--.

Page 16, line 25, change "realized" to --implemented--.

Page 17, change "switched" to --commonly routed --.

Respectfully submitted,

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